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Jean-Francois Aubry, et al.

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For: A Non-Invasive Method of Obtaining a
Predetermined Soundwave Field in a
Substantially Homogeneous Medium Masked
by a Bone Barrier, an Imaging Method, and
Apparatus for Implementing the Methods

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